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## FOURTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed references are enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information disclosed is, or is considered to be, prior art with respect to the present application or material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing of either the mailing of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance but before payment of the issue

fee. The Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), the Applicant hereby certify that each item of the information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement as evidenced by the enclosed search report dated July 14, 2003 for European Application No. EP 01 40 1819, which is a foreign counterpart to the above-captioned application.

The Applicants believe that U.S. Patent No. 5,584,764 as well as the other references listed in the enclosed European Search Report are cumulative to those references already of record in the above-captioned application. In the spirit of full disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a)(2), however, the Applicant is submitting this Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) of \$180.00 is included herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees that may be required while this application is pending (except the issue fee) to Jenkens & Gilchrist Account No. 10-0447/47079-00058USPT.

Respectfully submitted,

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